



The Steadfast LOVE OF THE LORD

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

**WHAT ARE SOME THINGS
PEOPLE DO TO SHOW YOU THEY
LOVE YOU?**

Did you know God shows us His love for us too? He doesn't just say He loves us; He shows us!

The Bible gives all kinds of examples of God's love. But the ultimate example of God's love was shown when He sent Jesus to Earth to die on the cross for our sins. Before Jesus died, He spent time teaching His disciples about love. **Let's read what He said in John 15, verses 9-17.**



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



‘AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, SO HAVE I LOVED YOU. ABIDE IN MY LOVE. IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YOU WILL ABIDE IN MY LOVE, JUST AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER’S COMMANDMENTS AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE. THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU, THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN YOU, AND THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL.

‘THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT SOMEONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. YOU ARE MY FRIENDS IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND YOU. NO LONGER DO I CALL YOU SERVANTS, FOR THE SERVANT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING; BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR ALL THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU. YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT AND THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD ABIDE, SO THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME, HE MAY GIVE IT TO YOU. THESE THINGS I COMMAND YOU, SO THAT YOU WILL LOVE ONE ANOTHER.’

JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus taught His disciples that one of the greatest ways someone can show they love another person is to lay down their life for them. But Jesus didn’t just teach this; He lived it. When Jesus died for our sins and rose again, He laid down His life for us.

God’s gift of salvation is available to anyone who believes Jesus alone can save us from our sins. As a follower of Jesus, you can know you are forgiven. And Jesus doesn’t just love us now; He will love us for all eternity!

The next time you experience doubt and wonder if God loves you, remember His steadfast love. **He will always love you, forever and always.**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

JOHN

This week's verse comes from the book of John. John is the last of four books known as the Gospels. The book is written by the disciple whom Jesus loved, John. The book of John tells about the miracles or signs of Jesus.

IS GOD'S LOVE FOR ME BASED ON WHAT I DO?

No! Remember, we cannot earn our way to heaven. We could never be "good enough" to pay for our sin. Instead, in God's great love, He sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world on our behalf. God offers His gift of salvation freely; all we have to do is accept it. **(Romans 5:8)** His love for you is not based on what you can do for Him or for anyone else.

OT-NT CONNECTION

God's love for us is described throughout the Bible. The Old Testament book of Psalms talks about God's steadfast love.

Let's read about it in Psalm 36:5-6.

- What does verse 5 say about God's steadfast love?
- Have you ever doubted God's love for you? What have you learned about God's love for you that can help put your doubts to rest?

JOURNAL

Gather paper and either pencils or markers and draw a picture of the world. Find a Bible concordance and use it to look up verses about God's love. Write a verse reference on each continent.

I KNOW GOD DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVE FOR ME BY SENDING JESUS, BUT DOES HE DEMONSTRATE HE LOVES ME IN OTHER WAYS?

Yes! Think about all the ways God cares for you every day. **Matthew 6:26-34** reminds us not to be anxious about our needs because God will take care of us. Also think about how He answers our prayers. Whether it's a yes, no or maybe, we can trust God will work things out for our good. **(Romans 8:28)**

READ



Look up the word "abide." Then, read John 15:1-11 to learn more about how you can abide in God's love.

♥ MEMORIZE

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."

JOHN 3:16

Q: HOW DO I KNOW GOD LOVES ME?

A: HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of John. Help your child find the book of John. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time you knew God's love was working in your life. What made you aware of His love for you and how did you react?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

TODAY, THANK GOD FOR HOW HE LOVES EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON. DURING PRAYER, INVITE YOUR KIDS TO EACH SHARE A REASON THEY KNOW GOD LOVES THEM.

CREATE

Help your child create Valentine's Day cards for their friends to remind their friends how much God loves them!

COLOR



John 3:16 says God loves the world! Print a black and white picture of the world (or draw one) and have your child color it in. Write this week's memory verse at the top.

DRAW

Ask your child to draw a picture of themselves with an arrow pointing to them. Above the arrow, help them write, "Jesus loves me" as a reminder of the love God has for them.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to celebrate The Steadfast Love of the Lord!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



COLORING PAGE

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NAME: _____